

other printing apparatus that prints the preceding pages.

32. The control method according to claim 31, wherein
5 if the distributed job includes the first page of the
print job prior to its division, then determination on a
printing apparatus that prints a distributed job
including the final page of the print job is performed
in said determination step instead of the printing
10 apparatus that prints the preceding pages.

33. The control method according to claim 21 further
comprising a determination step of, in a case of
assigning at least the part of the distributed job
15 supposed to be printed by the printing apparatus to
another printing apparatus in accordance with the status
recognized in said recognition step, determining whether
the other printing apparatus which prints pages
following the distributed job assigned to the printing
20 apparatus produces a face-up output,

wherein if an affirmative decision is rendered in
said determination step, then in said decision step, at
least the part of the distributed jobs supposed to be
printed by the printing apparatus is assigned to the
25 other printing apparatus that prints the following
pages.

34. The control method according to claim 33, wherein
if the distributed job includes the final page of the
print job prior to its division, then determination on a
printing apparatus that prints a distributed job
5 including the first page of the print job is performed
in said determination step instead of the printing
apparatus that prints the following pages.

35. The control method according to claim 23, wherein
10 said reassignment step assigns all the distributed job
supposed to be performed by the printing apparatus to
another printing apparatus.

36. The control method according to claim 23 further
15 comprising a step of detecting a page or pages which
have been printed by the printing apparatus,
wherein, in said reassignment step, the distributed
job supposed to be performed by the printing apparatus
except the page or pages which have been printed in said
20 printing apparatus is reassigned to another printing
apparatus.

37. The control method according to claim 20, wherein
the status is an abnormal state in the printing
25 apparatus, and the abnormal state includes at least
either of depletion of paper and power off state.

38. A control method of a printing system which performs printing by controlling a plurality of printing apparatuses comprising:

5 a recognition step of recognizing a status of a printing apparatus among said plurality of printing apparatuses; and

10 a decision step of, in a case of assigning at least a part of a print job which is assumed to be printed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized in said recognition step, deciding the other printing apparatus in accordance with a paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus.

15 39. A computer readable program comprising:

a computer readable program code of a recognition step for recognizing a status of a printing apparatus; and

20 a computer readable program code of a decision step for, in a case of assigning at least a part of a print job which is assumed to be printed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized in said recognition step, deciding the other printing apparatus in accordance with
25 a paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus.